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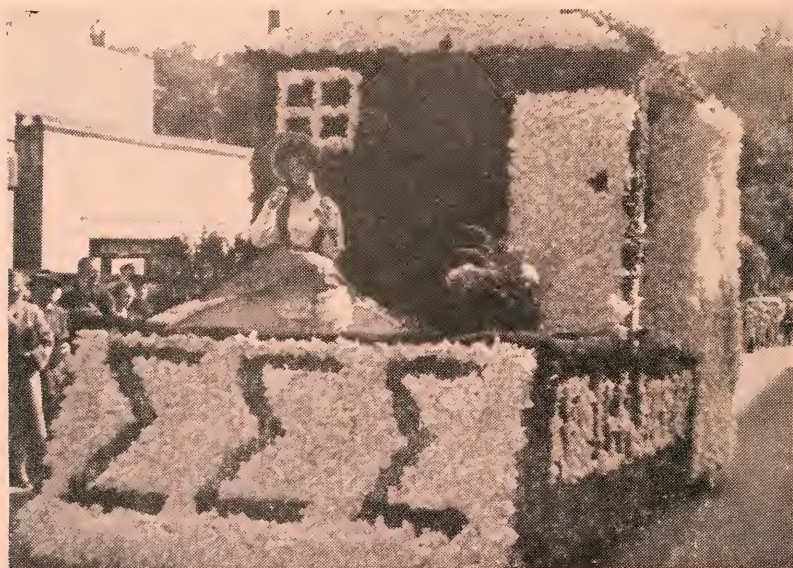
## THE COLLEGE AT INDIANA

State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania





FLOAT PARADE WINNERS: Pictured above is Phi Alpha Zeta float, 'Goosey, Goosey Gander' which took top honors in the 1954 Homecoming Parade. Below is 'A Dillar, A Dollar', Sigma Sigma Sigma's second place float.




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# Executive Council Meeting Minutes Reported

Held October 9, 1954

The Executive Council of the General Alumni Association met at 10:30 a.m. in the Fisher Auditorium on Homecoming Day, October 9, 1954. The President, Ethel L. Waddell, opened the meeting. She greeted delegates saying that she was very happy to see quality rather than quantity at the meeting.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May Executive Council Meeting since they had been published in the October Alumni News Bulletin. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Mary L. Esch as follows:

Balance on hand, May 31, 1954 \$ 806.63

## RECEIPTS

### Dues from Units

Allegheny Valley .....	\$ 10.00
District of Columbia .....	31.50
Indiana .....	3.00
Lawrence County .....	36.00
McKeesport .....	54.00
New York City .....	25.00
Johnstown .....	39.00

Total dues from Units .....\$198.50

Dues from Individuals ..... 95.00

Life Memberships (2) ..... 65.00

### Gifts to Alumni

District of Columbia Unit to Library for Indices .....\$ 62.75

New York City Unit to Library ..... 24.00

Carrie Gessler to Projects ..... 40.00

Total gifts .....\$126.75

Addressing cards for NEWSWEEK AND CONSUMER'S UNION ..... 29.50

Total Receipts 514.75

Balance \$1321.38

Balance (brought forward) \$1321.38

## EXPENSES

### Alumni Bulletins

June 1954 bulletin .....\$356.25

October 1954 bulletin ..... 306.60

Editing June bulletin ..... 20.00

Typing June bulletin ..... 5.00

Engraving June bulletin ..... 8.05

Postage June & October bulletin ..... 98.00

Total .....\$793.90

### Miscellaneous

Return of unused portion of gift from the District of

Columbia to Library .....\$ 11.35

Index cards ..... 3.93

Flowers for Alumni Day ..... 18.30

Total .....\$ 33.58

Total Expenses 827.48

Balance on hand, October 9, 1954 \$ 493.90

Sally B. Johnson gave the report for the Projects Committee. The recommendation of the Committee follows: "The Projects Committee recommends to the Executive Council that we accept as the projects for the year the purchase of movie projection equipment for the auditorium at a cost not to exceed \$2000 and that the surplus money be deposited in the special organ account for the purchase of additional organ stops when enough money is available to justify the installation." Mrs. Johnson moved the adoption of the recommendation of the Projects Committee. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

Miss Waddell commented on the October issue of the Alumni News Bulletin. She said, "It is a splendid bulletin," and expressed her appreciation to Mr. Nicholson.

Dr. P. D. Lott reported for the Liaison Committee originally known as the Membership Committee. The committee personnel has changed; Miss Alice St. Clair is now in Hawaii, Mr. Sheldon Davis has resigned. The replacements are Mrs. William Jefferson and Mr. Robert Cronauer. The committee hasn't done anything since the May meeting, but teacher recruitment and teacher supply is the thing it will work on. The committee members are available, Dr. Lott said, for attendance at unit meetings. They would like the opportunity to discuss Indiana College news and developments at unit meetings.

Mrs. Lenore Weatherly Bayus reported on the action taken by the American Alumni Council Committee resulting from the motion made by Arthur F. Nicholson at the May Executive Council Meeting. This motion may be found on page 6 of the October Alumni News Bulletin. Mrs. Bayus's motion was: "The Executive Secretary be authorized to take out a continuing membership in the American Alumni Council at a cost of \$35 per year. This fee to cover Type A and Type C membership." The motion was properly seconded.

Mr. Nicholson was asked to explain the advantages of membership in the American Alumni Council. In response he stated that the American Alumni Council is headed by Ernest Stewart, Jr., a former Indiana man, who now serves the Council as executive secretary. Headquarters for the American Alumni Council are now in Washington, D. C. where the organization serves as a clearing house for the work of member Alumni Associations. Belonging to the American Alumni Council would give the Indiana General Alumni Association access to information about the work of Alumni organizations in many different colleges in the United States. The membership fee which the Indiana Association would pay would permit our organization to ask the American Alumni Council for advice on Indiana bulletins and other matters relating to Alumni organization work.

As a concrete example of the kind of help the Council could give, Mr. Nicholson pointed out that Mr. Stewart had already given him some pertinent information about things to do in the publication of the Indiana Alumni News Bulletin. All of these suggestions given him by Mr. Stewart would save about \$36.00 on the printing of each Alumni News Bulletin. He stated that he did not feel that it was ethical to use such information unless our organization is a member of the Council and is paying its fair share for the council work. In addition, the Indiana Alumni Association would have the right to ask questions from time to time about research problems and surveys conducted scientifically either under the direct sponsorship of the American Alumni Council or sanctioned by the Council for individuals or member organizations.

The American Alumni Council has also been very effective, Mr. Nicholson pointed out, in protecting member associations from undue and unauthorized requests made on the part of individuals or organizations conducting educational surveys. The American Alumni Council has solved the time consuming problem of Alumni Associations in the matter of filling out numerous survey forms and questionnaires about Alumni Association work.

This protection is accomplished because the American Alumni Council by agreement with member organizations asks all such organizations to submit their proposal of survey forms and questionnaires involving other Alumni Associations to the Alumni Council for prior approval. When the Council approves such a project, then all members of the



Alumni Council honor that approval and participate in the study, if they are asked. It is also a policy of the American Alumni Council that member associations do not have to participate in any study or survey that is not sanctioned by the Alumni Council. This service alone saves a great deal of time in Alumni office work for member organizations.

The Indiana Alumni Association may drop from the American Alumni Council any time the membership so wishes. Therefore, joining the Council on a continuous basis simply means that the executive secretary, Miss Mary L. Esch in the case of our Association, would annually write out the check for dues to the American Alumni Council until such time as she was directed by the Association not to do so. The Association always has the power to drop its membership in the American Alumni Council if the members feel that such membership in the American Alumni Council is unwanted.

Mr. Nicholson pointed out that Indiana will be among the first of the state teachers colleges to join the American Alumni Council. A number of state teachers colleges in the mid-west have already joined and others are going to do so in the very near future.

Mr. Nicholson pointed out again that the words "continuing membership" if approved, would make it unnecessary to vote on membership every year, but that at any time the Association changed its mind, the change could be brought about.

The help given by the American Alumni Council, he said in conclusion, is not financial help but assistance on how to organize bulletins, projects, and in general to carry on the kinds of jobs that an Alumni Association is likely to be engaged in.

President Waddell called for a vote on Mrs. Bayus's motion. The motion carried.

On part two (2) of the motion the committee decided to take no action at this time and Mrs. Bayus made the following motion: "At the present time we are not in a financial position to take action, therefore, the committee decided that a full-time paid secretary is not advisable." The recommendation was seconded and voted upon. Carried.

Mr. Nicholson stated that we now have an alumni office directed by Mary Esch. There are over 14,000 eligible alumni and being the executive secretary is a big job. He moved that the Alumni Association of Indiana State Teachers College raise the figure for the salary of the Executive Secretary from the present \$60 to \$200 per annum. Motion seconded, and carried.

There was no other old business.

The appointing of a nominating committee for the spring elections opened the new business. The By-Laws specify that the president of the association shall appoint two members of the nominating committee, two members and two alternates shall be elected by the Council and one member shall be appointed by the President of the College.

Miss Waddell appointed:

Miss Ella M. Wilson, 219 Baldwin Avenue, Sharon, Pa.

Miss Nellie Pardoe, 429 Napoleon Street, Johnstown, Pa.

The Executive Council elected:

Miss Rose Mueller, 2016 Eleventh Street, Altoona, Pa.

Mr. Samuel Furguele, 845 Water Street, Indiana, Pa.

and as alternates:

Mrs. Elizabeth McClure, 119 W. Hutchinson Avenue, Pittsburgh 18, Pa.

Mrs. Elva Longwell, State Teachers College, Indiana, Pa.

Dr. Pratt appointed:

Dr. James K. Stoner, R. D. 3, Indiana, Pa.

Miss Beatrice Jeffries read the following proposed amendment to Article 7; Section 4 of the By-Laws: "That delegates shall take motions that involve the organization, reorganization or finances of the Alumni Association back to their units to be analyzed and discussed, and that voting on such matters shall take place at a special meeting of the delegates called for that purpose, or at the regularly scheduled meeting." Motion seconded.

There was much discussion in which the following points were brought out: The motion might limit us too much. It might complicate things. Financial needs are voted on in the spring. The membership of the association is now approximately 1,000 individ-

uals and 1,000 in units. As the Alumni Association grows it would appear that there will be increasing numbers of members belonging to the Alumni Association. At present 50% of the membership are barred from voting because they are not represented on this Executive Council; how can they vote? The idea of passing motions at Executive Council meetings when some units, because of distance, have no delegates at the meeting is questioned. It was brought out that many units do send delegates and some authority should be vested in them.

Mr. Nicholson asked what had been done in the past seven years that the delegates did not have a chance to discuss, and stated that no action involving major changes had been taken during this period without ample time for delegates to make up their mind on how they would like to act. As an example, he cited the motion on joining the American Alumni Council. Almost all important motions always have many months delay before they are finally passed. The purpose of this delay is the safeguarding of the rights of the individual members to express their viewpoints. The organization must, of course, safeguard against hasty action but it is also necessary to be careful not to saddle an organization in such a manner that needed actions cannot be taken.

Mrs. Ann Maurer, Chairman of the Committee which revised the By-Laws recently, pointed out that the committee had asked the units to send suggestions. The committee considered all suggestions, the By-Laws were rewritten, presented and approved at an annual meeting. The committee spent a great amount of time on the By-Laws and felt they had done a good job.

The motion made by Miss Jeffries was voted on and lost.

Next Dr. Pratt spoke to the Council. He mentioned the work of the Alumni Office in soliciting dues from all graduates which had been done for the first time last year, and gave a membership of approximately 2000. He stated that membership should continue to grow and that the office can give better service now that the addressograph plates have been prepared for all graduates for whom we have addresses.

Concerning the Liaison Committee, Dr. Pratt said that it is an active committee whose members wish to keep in touch with the various alumni units. They will attend unit meetings and may be called on throughout the year.

Dr. Pratt thanked the association for its contributions to the college: the funds allocated toward the completion of Flagstone Theater, and the allocation of \$500 to the organ fund of \$900 which made it possible to add two new stops to the Moller Organ in the auditorium during the summer. He also thanked the alumni for the many fine students they send to the college and continued that our present enrollment of 1622 students is the highest in the history of the college. If you have sons, daughters, relatives or friends who wish to attend Indiana next year, he urged that they apply for admission NOW.

Speaking of the College, Dr. Pratt urged that everyone take time to see Leonard Hall, which is practically completed except for the Broadcasting Department, and the new room in Wilson Hall to which the 1954 reunion classes contributed. Other improvements mentioned by Dr. Pratt included moving the Music Department from Thomas Sutton Hall to Elkin House and enlarging Elkin Annex for a rehearsal room, the music practice and sorority rooms which are being built in the basement of John Sutton Hall, the new plumbing and bathrooms for John Sutton Hall which are being installed at a cost of \$85,000, and the new fire lines which will give adequate water protection.

Dr. Pratt also mentioned the program for Masters Degrees, the scholarship program and the evaluation of the college by the Middle States Association which will take place in December.

The Unit Reports were called for next but on account of the lateness of the hour only two reports were given.

Allegheny Valley — young organization, started last year, established fund for a scholarship, mostly a social organization to date.

Altoona — 56 members, have planned 2 meetings, dinner in November and Christmas party, want information on why Indiana graduates are not eligible for membership in



the American Association of University Women.

Dr. Ralph Heiges reported that he had answered five letter in the last month concerning membership of Indiana graduates in the AAUW. In 1947 the American Association of University Women followed a list that was set up by the Association of American Universities. Indiana applied for membership in the American Association of Universities in October 1947 and the association discontinued its list that year. Thereupon, it became the duty of the AAUW to determine the procedure for enlarging its list. Indiana immediately carried on correspondence with the AAUW and they have not acted to this date on our application. We have written several times without results. Some of the state officers are discouraged at the slowness of the process. Dr. Heiges suggested that alumni who are members of the American Association of University Women might work through their own group to hurry up the process. Only about eight or ten teachers colleges belong and yet more professional women are in the teaching field than any other profession.

A motion was made to omit the unit reports so as not to be late for the luncheon.

Announcements:

Dues may be paid at the Registrar's Office till noon and at the Registration Desk in the afternoon.

Delegates are guests of the college for the luncheon.

Program for the day was read.

A motion to adjourn the meeting of the Executive Council was made and seconded. Adjournment at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Bush

Secretary

## LIBRARY RECEIVES MATERIALS

The Library, Wilson Hall, has received a number of valuable items in reply to its appeal during the past year for archival materials.

One of the most historically interesting was *The Clonian*, published by the Scientific Class of the State Normal School, Indiana, Pennsylvania, in 1888. This appears to have been the first year-book published at Indiana. It was located in the attic of the home of Miss Edna Coon, an Indiana resident.

Some other gifts are:

1. *The Oak* for 1941 was given by Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Walsh.

2. A framed, identified picture of the State Normal School faculty in 1893, has been recently received from an Indiana resident.

3. From Mrs. E. R. Furman, Kirley, Montana, a silver teaspoon marked "Normal School, 00."

4. Miss Sarah M. Gallaher, 1884, 1888, Mahaffey, R. D. 2, Pennsylvania, has given a number of early volumes of the American Historical Society Proceedings,

which are an invaluable addition to our general collection of books.

5. Miss Mary Edna Flegal, 1899, R. D. 1, Berwyn, Pennsylvania, has sent the library several of her own writings, and much needed files of the following; Normal Catalogues for 1907-1908, 1908-1909, 1910-1911, the *Normal Herald's* from 1912-1913 through 1916-1917, complete files of the *Alumni News Bulletin* from 1934 through 1939, a 1927 *Instano*, and *The Oak*, for 1928, 1937, 1938, and 1939.

Indiana's yearbooks for the following years are still missing from the historical records: 1891 through 1911, 1915, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, and 1927. Duplicate copies are needed for all years.

No college library can effectively serve its alumni without this data.

Anecdotal histories about formal and informal events at Indiana would contribute much that will soon pass from the memory of man. Such commentaries are needed about the origin of the college, its early leaders, the buildings, faculty, and students.

# Jane E. Leonard's Romance With James Buchanan

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A Legend Studied

by

Arthur F. Nicholson

Jane E. Leonard, dean of women at Indiana Normal School from 1875 until 1920, is without question the most noted of a number of very remarkable women who have been associated with the college at Indiana. Serving as she did for more than half the eighty year history of this College, Miss Leonard met and worked with possibly as many as 7000 Indiana graduates during their student days. The strength of her personality is testified to by the fact that her memory lives on in the minds of Indiana Alumni who knew her, respected her, and loved her. The college archives contain much written testimony attesting to the high regard her former students had and have for her.

Aunt Jane Leonard's portrait still hangs in the north corridor, first floor, John Sutton Hall. Once a number of years ago when the suggestion was made that the portrait be moved, Alumni reaction was immediate. The portrait remained on display. Leonard Hall was named in her honor when it was first built in 1903. When the building was destroyed by fire on April 14, 1952, and plans were made for the construction of a new structure, there never was any question but that the new building would also be named Leonard Hall in her honor. It is!

Many are the stories and legends about this remarkable woman in the records of Indiana and in the memories of older graduates. Younger graduates and students know her from these legends, from the portrait, the Hall named in her honor, and the Leonard Loan Fund which Alumni and others have sponsored in her memory.

One of the most fascinating stories about Aunt Jane Leonard deals with a romance she is said to have had with James Buchanan, fifteenth president of the United States. The present writer has heard this theme in many variations from at least twenty persons who seemed to know in the years since September, 1934. He himself has told the most fascinating part of this story to many people. It has always seemed to him that the version that had Aunt Jane in a romance with President Buchanan on the Indiana campus added a great deal of color to the college's history.

Recently the writer was telling this phase of the story to a campus visitor who listened respectfully for some time while this writer pointed out the place where Miss Leonard and Mr. Buchanan were supposed to have talked during his visit or visits to the campus.

When the writer had finished what he believed to be a colorful story the visitor calmly asked, "When did you say Miss Leonard came here?" The writer replied that Miss Leonard had come here in 1875 when the school was just beginning. Then the visitor dropped his bombshell, he asked, "Did you know that James Buchanan died in 1868?" This question sent the writer scurrying for further information. He searched the college archives, asked more questions of a number of his original informants, and checked data in authentic historical records.

The Leonard-Buchanan romance had evidently been highly publicized and must have been frequently and widely discussed. It received printed attention in the press. How much foundation there is in provable fact that the romance occurred is difficult to estimate. It is positive, however, that the James Buchanan, who was the fifteenth president of the United States, could not have visited or courted Aunt Jane Leonard on the Indiana campus. He had been dead for seven years before she came here.

An account of the celebrated romance appeared in a Johnstown paper about the year 1911. This version available in the college library archives in Wilson Hall appears to

be the source of many of the accounts of the romance that still circulate. It also may represent a composite story that the Johnstown reporter got from the memories of some of the Indiana graduates with whom he had talked.

This archives clipping reads in part as follows:

"That Miss Leonard, probably the most historic spinster in Pennsylvania, once rejected the proposal of James Buchanan, a dashing youth, later a young lawyer practicing at the Lancaster County bar and afterwards the president of the United States, is no special secret. Miss Leonard has fondly related to the young ladies of the institution from year to year the story of her courtship by President Buchanan. The great majority of the girl students who attended the school in the last quarter century have heard from Miss Leonard the story of why she declined to marry the man who eventually was elevated to the highest position within the gift of the people."

"Between the year 1875, when she entered upon her duties at Indiana State Normal School, and 1911, each class of Indiana graduates has received in wonderful detail the story of her one and only near-experience with Dan Cupid. Johnstown graduate students representing each class of the institution since 1880 well remember the story of a love affair that has attracted nation-wide interest."

"Miss Leonard, then a maiden scarcely out of her 'teens, and a young Buchanan were normal classmates at Millersville. Their meetings oftentimes, in purely class affiliations, soon took upon themselves a deeper significance. A few years afterward Miss Leonard was a student teacher in the Millersville Normal School with young Buchanan a rising "star" and giving promise of more rapid advancement yet to come."

"Their acquaintance waxed warmer and the attachment grew stronger. The climax in the little affair, "purely our own," as Miss Leonard terms it, was reached one clear moonlight night in early summer, when both happened perchance to be at Indiana Normal. They were seated beneath a budding elm tree, which like themselves gave promise of reaching to still greater heights."

"The young suitor once and for all popped the question so vitally affecting both. Notwithstanding her deep and almost reverential regard for the lover of her youth with a career so promising and brilliant, she felt constrained to hearken, not unto his prophecies of unbounded and unmeasured happiness yet in store, but with unconcealed emotion she announced her intention of dedicating her life to the cause of education."

"The chain binding their hearts almost as one was broken and the happy anticipations of the past were buried by the stern realities of the future. James Buchanan carved for himself a career which finally ended amid the palatial domes of the White House while Miss Leonard entered upon a career as a teacher."

"Since 1875 she has been connected with Indiana State Normal nearly all this time in the capacity of matron. She has instructed hundreds of the students, boys and girls alike, in the rudiments and finished fields of education. Especially has she devoted time to pregnatng their minds with a superabundance of moral and religious training. Her life work has been the rock upon which she has rested her claim that the refusal of an offer so tempting and alluring was wholly justified."

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"In recognition of the romance of her early years which is closely interlinked with the history of Indiana Normal, the authorities of the institution have since named one of the recently erected recitation buildings Leonard Hall. As a relic of the past stands the self-same tree, expanded in width, height, and thickness, by the corner of this hall. To it the students point with pride as one of the finest mementoes of a romance unparalleled in the history of Indiana Normal."

"No secret of the romance has been kept by Miss Leonard or the authorities of the institution, and since the opening of this school year all the newly ushered students have found in Miss Leonard not only an adviser, but a —ant,\* a preceptress and friend."

In view of this account which appears to have been widely circulated it might be well to examine the historical record.

\* word blurred on the clipping



Jane E. Leonard was born December 17, 1841, and died April 5, 1924, at the age of 83. She was born in Reed Ridges, Clearfield County, the daughter of Robert and Lydia Wilson Leonard. She attended the public schools in the area of her home, graduated from the Clearfield Academy, and evidently secured a teacher's certificate at a very early age. She taught in her native township in the late 1850's and later at various other places in Clearfield County. Among the early schools she presided over was one then at Congress Hill in Girard Township, Clearfield County.

She went from the Clearfield County Schools to Millersville State Normal School near Lancaster sometime early in the 1860's. She was a student there for\* four years and taught several years in the public schools of Lancaster County. For 12 years, 1863-1875, she was a teacher of mathematics, history and English at the Millersville State Normal. It would appear that she came to Indiana in May, 1875, and may have visited here earlier that spring. She was professor of English and preceptress (dean of women) from 1875-1920. After her retirement she continued to reside in her apartment in Indiana where she died in her sleep April 5, 1924. Miss Leonard was also a graduate of the Chautauqua Course, and the scientific course at Indiana State Normal School. She received a master of arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh. In 1922 Miss Leonard, at the age of 81, was the Democratic candidate for Congress in the district in which Indiana is located.

A comparison of the important dates in Miss Leonard's life with those of James Buchanan's life is very revealing. While Miss Leonard lived from 1841 to 1924, Mr. Buchanan was born on April 23, 1791, and died June 1, 1868. They were both alive from 1841 to 1868.

James Buchanan received a classical education preparation at a school in Mercersburg. In the fall of 1807 he entered the junior class at Dickinson College from which he graduated in 1809. After a few years of diligent reading at Lancaster, he was admitted to the bar in 1812. He was almost immediately a successful lawyer. By 1815 he had achieved an annual income of \$11,297 which would be equivalent to about \$30,000 to \$35,000 a year today. In 1814 he was elected to the Pennsylvania Assembly in which he served several terms.

Buchanan's biographical materials appear to reveal that he had the only known love affair of his 77 years about the year 1815. In that year he became engaged to be married to a young lady who broke the engagement and died shortly after. The Dictionary of American Biography states, "This irremediable sorrow put away all thought of marriage and he turned to the associations of politics."

In 1820 he was elected for his first term in the United State Congress and served there for ten years. His law practice and investments were apparently successful too because the record shows that by 1824 he had a fortune estimated at \$300,000, a considerable sum in those days. By 1824 he had become a political friend of Andrew Jackson. In 1828 he helped elect Jackson. While a Congressman, Buchanan was chairman of the important House Judiciary Committee.

In 1831, he was appointed as U. S. Minister to Russia. He was evidently in Europe for about two years. By 1833 he was definitely destined for higher political office. On his return to the U. S. after the Russian assignment, Buchanan was elected in 1834 to the U. S. Senate from Pennsylvania for an unfinished term. In 1837 he was chosen for a full term and again in 1843 was re-elected. He was a strong supporter of Andrew Jackson and Van Buren. In 1839, Van Buren offered him the attorney-generalship, but Buchanan was seemingly satisfied with his seat in the Senate.

In 1844 he was mentioned as Pennsylvania's favorite son for the presidential nomination on the Democratic ticket. When Polk got the nod, Buchanan supported him strongly and as a reward was taken from the Senate in 1845 and made Secretary of State. During this period to 1849 at Polk's first cabinet officer he was the prime mover in Polk's restatement of the Monroe Doctrine.

\*Evidently she was doing some of these things simultaneously because, four plus several plus twelve equals about eighteen years. In 1860, Miss Leonard was 19 years old.

In 1849, Buchanan retired (temporarily) from public life and purchased an estate called Wheatland and located near Lancaster. Miss Leonard was at this time an 8-year-old in Clearfield County.

In 1852 he was one of the candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination. However, he lost to Franklin Pierce but in the election he gave powerful support to Pierce. He was made minister to Great Britain in 1853 and was abroad most of the time until April 1856. At this time Miss Leonard was a 15-year-old in Clearfield County.

James Buchanan was nominated for the presidency on the Democratic ticket in 1856 and won in the fall election. At the age of 65, he was inaugurated as President of the United States on March 4, 1857. The hostess of the White House in his administration was his sister Jane's daughter, Harriet Lane, whose father, Elliot T. Lane, came from an old Virginia family, had grown wealthy as a transcontinental trader, and lived in Mercersburg. Both her parents had died by the time she was nine. Thereafter she made her home with her uncle, and was with him in his career abroad. During the years of Buchanan's presidency, the United States was moving toward the Civil War and in the closing days of his term it was apparent that a serious conflict was inevitable.

After Buchanan took his part in the inauguration of Lincoln, he left Washington D. C. on March 9, 1861, for Wheatland, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where he continued to live until his death at the age of 77 on June 1, 1868. When he returned to Wheatland, he was 69 years, 11 months old. Miss Leonard was 19 years, 3 months old.

Sometime between 1861 and 1868, Miss Leonard, a young school teacher, and James Buchanan, ex-President, ex-Secretary of State, ex-Senator, ex-Minister to England and Russia, ex-Congressman, ex-Assemblyman, and noted Attorney-at-Law possibly met. No record shows that they could have been in the same immediate vicinity before that time. The Buchanan papers are mainly with the Pennsylvania Historical Society but the Library of Congress has his letters to Harriet Lane Johnston.

With regard to the newspaper account quoted earlier in this paper, it is interesting to note that Millersville, the oldest teacher-training center in the state, was opened in 1854 as Millersville Academy. A teacher's institute was held there in 1855. It was made the first State Normal School in 1859. In 1854, Buchanan was the U. S. Minister to England, he had been Secretary of State, a Senator, a Congressman, U. S. Minister to Russia, an Assemblyman and had been as early as 1824 a wealthy attorney.

Without question, Buchanan did not attend Millersville, (He graduated from Dickinson in 1809.) as a student. It is likely that as an educated man and a celebrated public figure he visited the Millersville State Normal School on occasion after 1861 and until his death in 1868. It is certain that he never visited Indiana Normal School (founded in 1875).

During the years 1861-8, he could have met Miss Leonard but it would not seem possible that he had before that time. During 1861-1868 he was a man in his 70's and had been a life-long bachelor. Miss Leonard was in her early 20's during this same period. It is not impossible that they might have become acquainted, but it is not likely that there developed a fiery romance or at least there seems no evidence in provable fact to substantiate the story.

Entering into the realm of supposition as to how this story originated, the writer would suggest that Miss Leonard did get to know ex-President Buchanan after he had retired to his Wheatland home in 1861. Sometime during the 1861-1868 period they could have become fairly good friends. It is possible but not probable that there was a discussion of marriage, but marriage would have seemed incongruous for the 20-27 year-old-woman and the 70-77 year-old man. Nevertheless as forceful a personality as Miss Leonard could have made a profound impression on the ex-President. One can imagine too that a man of Buchanan's importance made a considerable impression on Miss Leonard.

About seven years after Buchanan's death, Miss Leonard came to Indiana. In her associations with many young people at the Normal School during 1875-1920, she undoubtedly told many people that she had known former President Buchanan quite well

and that they had been good friends. On the strength of Miss Leonard's record as a fine woman of character, this writer would assume then that if Miss Leonard said so, it was so!

Now the point of the origin of the press version quoted earlier and similar stories told by word-of-mouth arises. This writer has observed that once the outline of a story is given, it is quite easy for the imaginative to embellish it with detail. Miss Leonard's students, I would assume, all had the average human being's gift for making a good story once they were given the fact that their Dean of Women had been well acquainted with a famous bachelor President of the United States. It's almost impossible to keep from wanting to make a good story out of that clue. One of the occupational hazards of being a Dean of Women or a public figure is that the individual's private life receives highly imaginative scrutiny from the constituency.

## Syntron Foundation Scholarships Are Now Awarded To Twelve Indiana Students

Four more students who enrolled as freshman at the State Teachers College, Indiana, in September, 1954, are receiving Syntron Foundation Scholarships to aid them in financing their careers in higher education.

The Syntron Foundation Scholarship students receive \$200 per year for four years. In the awarding of these scholarships preference is given to children of employees of the Syntron Company and to graduates of Homer City, Blairsville, and Indiana High Schools and then to other high schools in the Indiana County area.

Eight other individuals, four who are sophomores and four who are juniors, have previously been awarded Syntron Foundation Scholarships. These additional four make a total of 12 scholarships being granted by the Syntron Foundation to Indiana State Teachers College students for the 1954-5 academic year.

Those who receive the scholarships are selected by a scholarship committee headed by Dr. Willis E. Pratt, president of the Indiana State Teachers College, and appointed by the Syntron Foundation.

Those who receive the scholarships must qualify for admission to the state teachers college. The general admission requirements include general scholarship as evidenced by graduation from an approved four year high school or institution of equivalent grade.

Applicants who rank in the upper half of their graduating classes from high school will be admitted, on the recommendation of the principal or other school official, on certificate without further evidence of scholarship.

Applicants who do not rank in the upper half of their graduating classes may be admitted provided a rating satisfactory to the institution is made on scholastic aptitude tests administered at the college.

Applicants for admission to the art and music departments must take special aptitude tests in those fields.

Further qualifications for admission to the college include evidence of good character and personality as shown by an estimate by secondary school officials of the candidate's general background abilities and state of personal development.

The applicant for admission is also required to present a certificate of health examination signed by a physician legally qualified to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The certificate must indicate a fair state of health and physical vigor.

The applicant must also have a personal interview with college authorities. In general the Syntron Foundation Scholarships are awarded to those people who qualify for entrance to the college, who evidence an interest in being teachers, and who can both profit from the education received and can make good use of the funds provided by the scholarship.



# Indiana Explores Educational Television

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First TV course for credit.

by  
Margaret Beck

"New Vision for Television" is the challenge offered by educators interested in this new medium as a learning tool. Indiana State Teachers College joins the crusade to investigate the possibilities of educational television by presenting a college course for credit, through the facilities of the Pittsburgh education station, WQED, Channel 13. Starting at 8:00 P.M., January 6, 1955, six members of the college faculty join California and Slippery Rock state teachers' colleges in offering a one credit telecourse in Family Dynamics. This one hour, weekly presentation is an experiment in education, the first of its kind to be attempted in the East.

The 15-week course will take the form of demonstrations in the various areas of Family Dynamics. Indiana will present the psychological, sociological, and financial phases of family living; Slippery Rock, the physical and mental health of the family; California, the practical aspects as related to house planning and repairs.

Dr. S. Trevor Hadley, director of the psycho-education bureau, will open the course by presenting an overview of the entire 15 weeks' course, with emphasis on the purposes, objectives, and areas pertinent to the subject. He will discuss individual differences and the need for an awareness of their significance as the basis for dynamic family living. A practical approach to the means of achieving emotional maturity in both adults and children will be a feature of this first lesson.

On January 13, Dr. Stanley Lore, a member of the education department and head of the reading clinic, will follow Dr. Hadley's presentation of basic principles by demonstrating methods of resolving conflicts and problems that arise within the family.

January 20, Albert Drumheller, a member of the business education department, will discuss family finances. Such areas as budgets, banking, investments, and insurance will be included.

One January 27, Mrs. Elsie Rineer of the business education department will deal with practical information for everyday living. This demonstration will concern postal information, the care and wrapping of packages for the mail, shipping by express, when to use the telephone, when to use the telegraphic services, filing for home use, and letter writing.

Dr. Raymond Lee will represent the social studies department on February 3, when he discusses the family and the community. This hour will be devoted to an examination of the interrelationship between the family and the community. Emphasis will be placed upon the importance of the family in a democratic society, since a stable government is dependent upon stable family life. He will present the means by which basic attitudes are developed within the family. Included will be such democratic values as belief in the sacredness of human personality, a sense of fair play, and the acceptance of group decisions which originate within the family. Dr. Lee will also point out how the community can strengthen the family through its marriage and divorce laws as well as its economics policies.

Mrs. Margaret Beck, a member of the English Department, will act as coordinator, introducing the speakers and giving instructions to those taking the course for credit.

The cost of the course will be \$12.50 for those desiring credit. This fee will entitle the registrant to the course kit which will include course outlines, assignments, study guides, bibliographies, pamphlets, mimeographed charts and drawings, and other aids.

No specific textbook will be required. A non-credit participation fee of \$5.00 will be charged those who do not wish credit but desire the course kit.

No papers will be required, but a written examination must be taken by those seeking credit. The time and place of the examination will be announced later.

The Pennsylvania State Department of Public Instruction has approved the granting of one college credit for the course as an experiment in education.

Dramatizations, panel discussions, interviews, films, and various visual aids will be used to make the course more effective and challenging.

The administration and WQED hope that many graduates and others will either take the telecourse, "Family Dynamics", for credit or subscribe for the course kit. However, the success or failure of the course can not be judged on the basis of the number of registrations. The greatest number of viewers will be those not interested in college credit. Consequently, the course is also designed for the casual viewer who may obtain a new insight into the problems of the family and the possible solutions of those problems. Among this large fringe audience may be many who will become interested in college work at some future time.

Although the course-teaching via television is added to already heavy teaching loads, the participating faculty members look upon the opportunity as a challenge. Since the class is experimental in nature, the instructors are free to use whatever teaching aids they wish. Students in campus classes will sometimes participate in the experiment, and in some cases they are helping with the planning of the materials and methods to be used.

Should this course prove popular, it is probable that other courses will be offered through WQED. Many teachers in the field have expressed enthusiasm for a class which they can attend in their own homes. Suggestions as to desired courses and instructors will be appreciated.

Dr. Pratt, who is a member of both the Joint Committee on Educational Television for Pennsylvania and the Citizens Committee of WQED, started in 1952 to lay the groundwork for Indiana's active participation in educational television.

Local students have been attending workshop classes at WQED since March 1, 1954. To date, 29 students have served as apprentices, some of whom have spent 150 hours in the process.

In September of this year, the first campus class in Television in Education was started. In this course, students from all department are learning a practical approach to educational television. The emphasis is placed on both commercial and educational television as important tools in motivating classroom work. Each student prepares a series of programs in his own field and presents one program as a telecast for criticism by the class and interested faculty members. In addition, each student must prepare teaching aids for his presentation, stressing class readiness for the telecast and follow-up procedures. Although the emphasis is on in-school telecasting, several of the class members are working on the adult education level. It is hoped that in the near future the best of these programs will be telecast over WQED. The course will be repeated the second semester, and a summer extension course is planned.

In addition to the campus class, the proposed telecourse for credit, and workshop activities, student telecasts are planned for the second semester. With television in mind, a student committee is writing a musical play based on "Jack and the Beanstock". The hour show will include original lyrics, music, and dialogue. Students will direct, costume, design and paint scenery under the general supervision of Robert Ensley. Musical organizations and various other student groups have expressed a strong interest in television. Opportunity will be granted to those qualifying.

Among the many interested faculty members are Mrs. Blanche Jefferson and Dr. Irene Russell. These two served on a committee with the television coordinator, working out a series of scripts called "Meet Your Teacher". This series was designed to foster better relations between parent and teacher. As soon as near-by commercial stations are equipped for live telecasts, some of these programs will be presented. When WQED

obtains its mobile unit, the college will take an active part in the in-school telecast demonstration programs.

Indiana State Teachers College joins the nation's educators in exploring the potentialities of this new medium. The National Citizens Committee for Educational Television says, "Television is an instrument which can revive something in this country which the ancient Greeks had and which long has marked this country — a love of the fresh and new, an open and inquiring mind, seeking wider and more inspiring vistas of knowledge, self-improvement, and service.

"The objectives of educational television are to provide:

THE TEACHER. . .with an extension of his or her time, talents, and skills, through teaching aids and corollary services.

THE STUDENT. . .with an extension of his horizons, by making available for his use a wealth of scientific and cultural resources.

THE OUT OF SCHOOL ADULT. . .with continuing opportunity for self advancement—for the purposeful utilization of his leisure—for a self-directed extension of his talents and experience.

FOR ALL. . .an Open Door:

to undiscovered personal happiness and contentment.

to a more complete understanding of our neighbors,

to a knowledge awareness of our present splendid world."

Margaret L. Beck

## Jordan Woman Student Enrolled at Indiana

Esther Abaza'arur of Bethlehem, Jordan, is a scholarship student at Indiana State Teachers College for the 1954-1955 term. She is being sponsored by the Indiana County Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. L. C. Davis, wife of the head of the geography department at at Indiana, is state chairman of the International Affairs Department for Asia and Africa of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Davis was chairman of the committee to carry through on the project of bringing a foreign student to Indiana State Teachers College.

Esther was born June 17, 1934 in Bethlehem, Palestine, now Jordan. Her father is cashier of the municipality of Bethlehem, a position similar to that of a treasurer of an American city.

Esther did her grade school and high school work at St. Joseph's College in Bethlehem, and did her first year of college at Bri Zeit College in Ramallah, Jordan.

Esther speaks and reads Arabic, French, English, and Italian. During her year at



Mrs. Davis chats with Esther

Indiana State Teachers College Esther is studying sociology, economics, international relations, creative writing, psychology, and American educational methods.

Her goal is to return to Jordan and to work there in her native country either in educational posts or in social work to improve the lot of women.



# News from the Alumni Units

## PITTSBURGH ALUMNI-JUNIOR UNIT

The Junior Section of the I.S.T.C. Pittsburgh Alumni Unit was more than thrilled with their annual benefit this year.

We attempted something new, — a Dessert Telephone Bridge. On Thursday evening, October 28 the group held our benefit in the homes of seven of our members.

We had table prizes — a door prize and house prize at each home. A roving prize kept the evening very interesting. When a guest would take a trick with a certain card the prize was theirs until another person called in to claim it. When scores were called in at the end of the evening, the winner received a ten dollar gift certificate at Joseph Hornes.

We entertained twenty four tables of bridge and our evening was a success both financially and socially.

The parties were held in the homes of Mrs. Lenore Bayus, Mrs. Edith Dunean, Mrs. Ruth Gall, Mrs. Betty Lauffer, Mrs. Peg Richards, Mrs. Irene Suddaly, and Mrs. Maxine Wright.

## TARENTUM UNIT

The Tarentum Unit holds meetings four times a year. We closed our year in May with a dinner meeting after which Miss Gwyther Strawbridge, an exchange teacher from New Zealand, spoke to the group. Her talk was most interesting as she compared our schools and the training of teachers with those in New Zealand, and of her many interesting experiences since coming to the United States.

In October we opened a new year with a dinner meeting. After the dinner Miss Grace Mae Wood, 1937, entertained by showing slides of her most interesting trip through the west this past summer.

We hope to have three more such interesting meetings by the time May rolls around. Report submitted by Mrs. Guy A. Whitacre (Helen Blose, 1928).

## McKEESPORT UNIT

The present roll of the McKeesport Alumni Unit is 70.

We have been contacting and interesting the Alumni in our area who have been graduated in the last ten years in joining and becoming active in our Alumni Unit.

We are again contacting the high schools in our area to obtain the names of the juniors (boys and girls) who are interested in teaching and have expressed a desire to go to Indiana or else have expressed a desire for going to a college to become a teacher but have not made up their minds where they want to go.

We have dinner meetings at which we conduct our business, have a program (usually a speaker who tells us of countries or places she or he has visited or things they have done), cards for entertainment. We have three meetings a year (September, January, March) and elect officers every two years. Report submitted by Mrs. H. D. (Bess) Paul.

## PITTSBURGH UNIT

We have 107 members in our Senior Unit, not all active, and I did not include Miss Katherine Hahn, one of our honorary members who died October 19, 1954. We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month.

Our Christmas Dinner (combined groups) is being held at the Gateway Plaza on December 7.

Our Annual Benefit Bridge Party will be held February 26.

Benefit Bridge Party will be held at the Equitable Gas Company Thursday, March 31, 1955.

Annual Spring Dinner will be held at the College Club on April 19, 1955.

## DETROIT UNIT

Richard Thomas, 1940, is president of the Detroit Unit of the Indiana Alumni Unit. Thomas is a teacher of art at the Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bluefield Hill, Michigan. Mrs. Thomas, 1939, is the former Ruth Uhler. A report of the fall meeting of the Detroit Unit held November 7 at the Thomas home will appear in the March issue of this bulletin.

## JEANNETTE UNIT

The Jeannette Unit was delightfully entertained with a covered dish supper in the home of Mrs. Newell Connor, Harrison City Road on Wednesday, September 15.

Mrs. Daniel Stevenson, the new president, presided at the short business meeting.

Reports were given by Lucille Shearer on the summer play which the unit sponsored at Mountain Playhouse; Mrs. Dorothy Brown spoke on the Spring Alumni Day at the college, and Mrs. Robert Foryt on the Pittsburgh Miniature plays.

Mrs. Rolf Hansen was social chairman for the evening. She was assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Brown, Mrs. Ruth Simpson, Mabel Schall, Mrs. Dorothy Stiffey, and Mrs. Homer Miller.

Picturesque slides of Switzerland were shown by the hostess, Mrs. Connor. They were taken by her son while he was on tour in Switzerland this summer.

Officers for the Jeannette Unit for this year are:

President, Mrs. Daniel Stevenson

Vice-President, Orpha Schall

Secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Long

Treasurer, Mrs. John F. Simpson

Reporter, Edna Brinker

Delegates, Mrs. Robert Cestello and Mrs. Ralph Wilps

## TRI-TOWNSHIP ALUMNI UNIT

A meeting of the planning group was held at the home of Mae Brown on the evening of September 30. A membership drive was organized and plans were made for the year.

It was decided that we would have three meetings during the year. They will be a dinner meeting in November, a Christmas party and a covered dish dinner in April.

Our first meeting was held in the social room of the Methodist Church at Commodore, November 9.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA UNIT

On September 26, 1954, Margaret McComb Anderson, Gladys and Serenus Dossi, Naomi Conrad Funk, Laura Gienger, Jane Harris, Grace O'Neal Lehman,

Nora Hay McKirdy, Dorothy A. Ramale, Barbara and Charles Reamer, Joanne W. Reitz, Mary Vail, Agnes Crivella Vaghi, Vashti Burr Whittington, families and friends enjoyed an old-fashioned basket picnic in Rock Creek Park, Washington, D. C.

The All Pennsylvania College Alumni Association dinner at the Fairfax Hotel, Washington, D. C. on October 7, 1954, again found Indiana with the largest representation of Alumni of any Pennsylvania College.

Dorothy A. Ramale, president of the District of Columbia Unit, and Mary Caldwell Piranian, program chairman for 1954-1955, were in attendance at the Alumni Executive Council Meeting in Fisher Auditorium on Homecoming, October 9, 1954. S. John Davis was present for activities later in the day.

The program for the remainder of the year includes: (1) Our Alumni Project Dinner at the Fairfax Hotel on November 15, 1954. Our special project is to furnish the Essay and General Literature Index and the Education Index for the College Library. (2) February 5, 1955, the All Pennsylvania College Alumni Association Citation Luncheon at the Shoreham Hotel. (3) An all day trip to Wilson College at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, with the All Pennsylvania College Alumni Association on April 23, 1955. (4) Our Annual Meeting on May 1, 1955, at the suburban home of Mrs. Margaret McComb Anderson, Broxburn Drive, Bethesda, Maryland.

## THE PITTSBURGH-NORTH BOROUGHS

Unit of Indiana State Teachers College has sixty-seven members.

Our fall meeting was a corn roast at the home of Mrs. J. F. Kappel. In November we have our yearly benefit card party. January we are having a speaker, Dr. William Price Jenkins will speak.

There will be meetings in March, May, and closing in June with a picnic.

Beatrice L. Jeffries, President

## JOHNSTOWN ALUMNI UNIT

Lenora Gerhardt, 1930, reports that the Johnstown Alumni Unit has been reacti-

vated and will have a fall dinner this year, the date of which at the time of the letter had not yet been set.

According to Miss Gerhardt, Mr. Cyrus W. Davis, Cambria County commissioner and one of the Indiana trustees, is a member of the newly reorganized Johnstown Unit.

Mrs. Spear Sheridan formerly Geneieve Ream, and Mrs. Earle Burkett formerly Dorothy Risbon, both members of the Johnstown Unit attended the funeral of Emilie Dionne at Callander, Ontario. Along with their husbands, the two Johnstown Unit women were fishing some fifteen miles from Callander when word of the quintuplet death prompted them to visit the now famous town.

Miss Gerhardt reports having been on tour this summer visiting in eastern Canada and New York. While she was in the town of Perce, Canada, the trial of Wilbur Coffin was in session. He was convicted of murdering three bear hunters from Hollidaysburg.

The Johnstown Alumni Unit held a dinner and business meeting at the Pine Room in Johnstown September 29, 1954.

Miss Blanche Ober, the new president, presided. Remarks were made by Mrs. Maurice Straub, the State Association Vice President as well as Cyrus W. Davis, a trustee of the Indiana State Teachers College.

The delegates for the "Homecoming" were named as follows: Blanche Ober, Lenora Gerhardt, Verda Lehman, and Mrs. Irene Schenkemeyer.

The Johnstown group organized last spring and is growing in membership.

#### DANISH EXCHANGE STUDENT

An exchange student from Hobro, Jutland, Denmark, is currently attending State Teachers College, Indiana.

He is Jorgen Bach Anderson whose one-year scholarship at the local college is being sponsored by the Student Cooperative Association of ISTC.

The 18-year-old Andersen comes to the local college after graduating from a Danish Gymnasium, advanced version of the American high school. He is pursuing a general secondary education cur-

riculum here and plans to matriculate at the University of Copenhagen upon his return to Denmark next spring.

Born November 13, 1935, in Randers, Denmark, Mr. Andersen received his public schooling at Hobro before entering the Gymnasium for his high school education.

He stated that graduation from the Gymnasium is equivalent to two years of college in the American school system.

During his Gymnasium career, the Danish student studied English, German, Swedish, French, and Latin as well as the sciences.

Of major importance to him here is a course in Communications. He plans to finish his schooling in Denmark at the University of Copenhagen and then to teach probably literature at a gymnasium.

#### PRESIDENT'S PORTRAIT PAINTED

Mrs. Carrie Pattison, noted Indiana artist and a co-founder of the Indiana Art Association, has painted a portrait of Dr. Willis E. Pratt, president of Indiana State Teachers College.

Mrs. Pattison painted the portrait of Dr. Pratt at the request of the Indiana Art Association as an expression of the appreciation of that organization for Dr. Pratt's interest and helpfulness.

The portrait was presented to Dr. Pratt by Mrs. Pattison and Mrs. John Risheberger, president of the Indiana Art Association, in a brief ceremony during the Homecoming Day concert Saturday evening, October 9 in Fisher Auditorium.

Mrs. Pattison is one of Indiana's outstanding artists. She has won prizes for her work at Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh and the Allied Artists of Johnstown.

She has paintings in the permanent collections of the 100 Friends of Art of Pittsburgh, the 100 Friends of Art of Latrobe, the Minerals Industries collection at State College, and the collection of Indiana High School.

She was the first president of the Indiana Art Association. Her paintings are characterized by sumptuous color, a deep poetic feeling and a realistic approach to her subject matter.



# News Items About Indiana Grads

## STATISTIC

● Of the 488 Homecoming Day, October 9, 1954, visitors who took time to register, thirty-two were from states other than Pennsylvania as follows:

Arizona, one; Delaware, four; D. C., two; Maryland, ten; Michigan, two; New Jersey, one; New York, one; Ohio, six; Virginia, four, Washington, one.

## AS IT MUST TO ALL

● Jane L. McGrath, former director of the elementary education division at Indiana State Teachers College, passed away at her family home in Oswego, New York June 26, 1954.

● Walter John Hirth, retired druggist who took a keen interest in recreation for young people, died September 26. He and his wife developed the Richland Youth Foundation after building a youth center in Richland Township. Mr. Hirth was brother of Lillian, 1896, and Alice, 1903, Hirth of Daytona Beach, Florida, graduates of Indiana.

● Mrs. Janet McKibben Patterson, class of 1893, died June 1, 1954 at her home in Swissvale.

● Harry S. Bender, 1893, died October 3 at the age of 84 in his home at 425 Russell Avenue, Johnstown. He taught for seventeen years in Johnstown and Conemaugh schools and following his teaching he was employed by the state as an inheritance tax appraiser. He was also interested in the insurance business and politics.

● Mrs. Eleanor Morrow Breitweiser, 1893, died at her home 201 Summit Avenue, Bellevue on September 9. She was a graduate of Indiana State Teachers College and Columbia University. She taught in the Pittsburgh schools for twenty years, part of that time in the John Morrow School, named after her stepfather, also a Pittsburgh educator.

Mrs. Breitweiser devoted her entire life to youth education. She was supervisor of Home Missions for the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, instructor in the North Boroughs School of Religious Education and Board Member of the Holmes Hall for Boys, and director of

the Junior Church at Forest Avenue United Presbyterian Church.

She was a cousin of Dwight Morrow whose daughter married Charles Lindbergh.

● David W. Rial, Indiana student in 1902, died May 14, 1954 at his home in Wilkensburg. His wife is the former E. Jane Craig, 1905.

Rial had taught at Westinghouse High School, had been vice-principal at the H. C. Frech Training School, and had also taught at Tech, Pitt, and Duke prior to his retirement in 1946.

At the time he retired he was principal at Brasher and Spring Lane Schools.

He served in the United States Coast Guards for many years in addition to his teaching and also did archeological work in Utah.

He was for a time associate research assistant in the department of man at Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Rial is survived by two sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren, and his wife E. Jane Craig.

Mrs. Rial is making plans for the 50th reunion of the class of 1905 to be held at Indiana in May, 1955.

● The Reverend Dr. William H. Orr, retired Presbyterian minister, died September 15, 1954. Mrs. Orr was Mabel Bennett, an Indiana graduate with the class of 1909. Dr. Orr was at one time instructor at Western Theological Seminary at Pittsburgh.

● Jane G. Wyman, 1907, died May 26, 1954. At the time of her retirement in June, 1952, she was a library teacher in the J. W. Conroy Elementary School, Pittsburgh.

● Katherine Elizabeth Hahn, class of 1910, died October 18, 1954 at her Arlington Apartment home in Pittsburgh. She had been a teacher in the Pittsburgh area schools throughout her career. At the time of her death she was 62 years old.

## WEDDING

● Virginia Boslett, 1932, married Harry Walters September 20, 1954. The former Miss Boslett taught in the Barr Town-

ship School in Cambria County and was a free lance illustrator for several publishing firms including "The Grade School Teacher."

Mr. and Mrs. Walters now live at Baltimore, Maryland where Mr. Walters is district manager of the Baltimore Division of the Household Finance Company.

● Margaret Minno married Anthony N. Moran, 1949, August 7, 1954. Moran is teaching in the Franklin East Taylor Joint High School.

● Maxine Ruth Kimmel, 1949, married George Mack Bieber, Jr., July 24, 1954. The former Maxine Kimmel was employed as an extension home economist for Union County for four years and later as a dietitian for Industrial Foods Service in Pittsburgh. She is now teaching home economics in the Lewisburg Joint High School. Mr. and Mrs. Bieber now reside at 534 North Derr Drive, Lewisburg.

● Barbara Ann Wetherhold married Robert G. Traugh, Jr., 1950, August 14, 1954. Mr. Traugh is an instructor in science at the Indiana Joint High School.

● Patricia Strittmatter married Daniel J. Lieb, 1950, August 21, 1954. Mr. and Mrs. Lieb reside at Ford City. Mr. Lieb is employed as a projects engineer for the Pennsylvania Department of Highways.

● Marion Virginia Bankert, 1951, married Keith Michael, 1952, October 30, 1954 at Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Michael is a lieutenant, junior grade, U. S. Army.

● Jane Jackson, 1951, and Donald Fetterman were married April 15, 1954. at Easton, Pennsylvania. They are now living at 41 South 10th Street, Easton, Pennsylvania.

● Elaine Ream, 1952, married Clair Pheasant September 2, 1954. Mrs. Pheasant is a third grade teacher at McKinley School in Altoona.

● Vivian Gall, 1953, married Gerald Leidy, May 29, 1954, at Punxsutawney. Mrs. Leidy is teaching at the new Benjamin Franklin Joint School near Indiana and Mr. Leidy, war veteran, is a junior at the college.

● Shirley Ort, 1953, married Earl Henry October 4, 1954. She is now teaching

second grade at McKinley School in Altoona.

● Shirley Thieroff, 1953, was married June 27, 1953, to Robert N. Stanley. Their address is 369 Bascum Avenue, Pittsburgh 14, Pennsylvania.

● Faith Mattys, 1953, was married to James M. Lovetro on June 19, 1954. Their address is 4407 Lucerne Avenue, Pittsburgh 14, Pennsylvania.

● Clara Mae Bauer, 1954, married Frederick Cornell, 1950, on October 1, 1954, in the Christ Lutheran Church, New Castle. Both are now teaching in Shenango Area Joint Schools of New Castle and reside at 301 Edison Street, New Castle.

#### INDIANA GRADUATES 197?

● Pittsburgh Junior Group reports the following blessed events:

A son, Craig Byrn, to Mr. and Mrs. Byrn Lauffer, (Betty Rishell) Class of 1941, July 6, 1954.

A son, John, born to Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Watkins, (Margaret Hughes), Class of 1940, September 7, 1954.

A daughter, Terry Grace, born to Mr. and Mrs. David Sedam (Grace Sanford), Class of 1940, August 7, 1954.

● Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kauffman are parents of a baby girl born April 7, 1954. The baby's name is Karen Elizabeth. Mrs. Kauffman is the former Betty Tobias, class of 1941. She is now living at 4708 Orchard Street, Colonial Park, Harrisburg, Pa.

● Mrs. H. N. Douglas (Ruth Crouse), 1945, welcomed a baby girl, Paula Ann, on July 5, 1954.

● A baby boy named James Edward Johnson was born August 24, 1954—son of Charles E. Johnson and Maude (McKinstry) Johnson, class of 1952.

● On August 2, 1954, a baby daughter, Mary Frances, was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Lozovoy, 1185 Serene Street, Pittsburgh 14, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Lozovoy is the former Mary Ann Verbish of the class of 1954.

#### RESIDENCE

● Esther Gross Glatky, 1931, is now residing in Hialeak, Florida. She was an active member of the Jeannette Unit.

● Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Barr, both of the class of 1937, have moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where Mr. Barr is em-

ployed by the Reynolds Aluminum Company. Mrs. Barr is the former Romayne McLaughlin.

● Charles Pauley, 1952, has returned from service in Korea and is working for his master's degree in the School of Business Administration, University of Pittsburgh.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER

● Sam Addis, 1948, is now employed in the public relations department of the Aluminum Company of America at Davenport, Iowa, as assistant public relations manager.

Sam is married to Lois Tanner, 1948. Mr. and Mrs. Addis have a daughter, Leslie Eve, born June 5, 1954.

Following his graduation from Indiana, Addis received his master of arts degree in June, 1950, from American University. In October, 1950 he joined the public relations department of Alcoa in Pittsburgh where he started as an editorial assistant on The Alcoa News.

In May, 1951 he became assistant editor and in November of the same year was made editor.

In October, 1953, he was also made editor of the Alcoa Aluminum News Letter, the company's external sales publication.

On August 16, 1954, he was transferred to his present position in Iowa.

#### HONORS

● Mrs. William V. Hunter (Lillian Crytzer), 1915, is president of the Council of Church Women in Tarentum this year.

● Mabel Milldollar, 1916, is immediate past president of the mathematics teachers of the State of Pennsylvania; a member of the board of directors of the mathematics teachers in western Pennsylvania; appointed member of the national committee on relations with the N.E.A. for a two-year term representing the national council of teachers in mathematics; and a member of the elections committee of the P.S.E.A. for the current Harrisburg convention.

● Mrs. E. C. Daum, Jr. (Daisy Goldsmith), 1920 is president of the Allegheny Valley Women's Club, Tarentum, this year.

● Mrs. Robert Newcomer (Eleanor Coughenour), 1934, is president of the Women's Civic Club of the Allegheny Valley, Tarentum, this year.

● Mrs. Erma Yuhas Konitsky, 1952, was elected president of the Central-Western Pennsylvania Affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of English at a meeting of that group during the Central-Western Education Conference at the College in Indiana on October 15.

Mrs. Konitsky resides at North Fifteenth Street, Spangler. She teaches tenth grade English at Laura Lamar High School, a jointure of Homer City. Previously she had taught one year in the Ebensburg Public School.

She is taking graduate work at New York University and will receive her master of arts degree in English education in September, 1955.

#### EDITORS

● Dr. James K. Stoner, 1931, has been appointed an editorial associate for the Business Education World published by the Gregg Publishing Division of the McGraw-Hill Book Company.

Dr. Stoner's work in the publishing field is as a consequence of his special area of interest in his professional teaching work. He writes a monthly column for the Business Education World entitled "Training for Retailing." Dr. Stoner is a member of the business education faculty at the College in Indiana.

● Louis C. Nanassy, 1936, has been appointed editor of the Business Education Observer Magazine of the New Jersey Business Education Association. Nanassy is a member of the faculty at New Jersey State Teachers College, Patterson, N. J. During the past summer he taught graduate courses in business education at the New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

#### COMMISSION

● Richard Lovell Cuppett, 1954, has received his commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve Corps. He is now attending the Quartermaster School at Fort Lee, Virginia.

#### COLLEGE TEACHING

● Robert J. Cronauer, 1937, is now a member of the art department faculty at the State Teachers College, Indiana.

● Mrs. Virginia Brewer Rohrer, 1938, is now a member of the home economics faculty at the Indiana State Teachers College.

● Patricia A. Dible, 1949, a member of the Pittsburgh Junior Group, is now a member of the faculty at Edinboro State Teachers College where she is a fifth grade supervisory teacher.

## DEGREE

● Raymond W. Morgan, 1933, received his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Pittsburgh in August, 1954. Dr. Morgan heads the commercial department of Johnstown High School.

He is a member of the Johnstown Re-development Authority, past president of the Johnstown Teachers Association, and past secretary-treasurer of the Central-Western Convention District of the PSEA.

He received his master of education degree from Pitt in 1949. His doctoral dissertation was on "The Measure of Stress and Strain of Time Writings and Production Typing as Reflected in Changes in Pulse Rates."

● Sheldon K. Davis, 1950, received his master of education degree from the University of Pittsburgh August, 1954. Davis teaches in the Thaddeus Stevens School in Indiana and serves as a cooperative student teacher supervisor for Indiana State Teachers College. He is currently serving as president of the Indiana Borough Association.

## NOTED SILVERSMITHS

● Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kipp of 708 Churchhill Avenue, Penn Twp., are both making names for themselves as silversmiths. Walter, class of 1942, is a senior member of the art and has been named as one of Americas 43 contemporary silversmiths.

Last spring Mrs. Kipp, the former Madalene Shaeffer, 1943, won the Gustave Niemeyer Award.

Mr. Kipp received his master's degree in education from the University of Pittsburgh. He formerly taught at Penn Twp. Junior High School but is now teaching jewelry making, ceramics, and metal craft at Peabody High School.

Kipp has been studying for six years under the direction of Frederick C. Clayter of Carnegie Tech and Mrs. Kipp has been working with him for the past three years.

Mr. Kipp has exhibited his work all over the United States. In August, 1950, he was one of twelve artists given a scholarship to study under Reginald Hill, court silversmith to the King of England. He has also consulted with Baron Erick Fleming, court silversmith to the King of Sweden.

In an exhibition of silversmithing called "Silver Heirlooms of Today and Tomorrow" Mr. Kipp's work was displayed beside that of Paul Revere.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kipp have recently received a number of prizes for their work.

## TRAVEL

● Gertrude Barthol, 1915, Louise Barthol, 1918, Mary C. Fallon, 1927, and Florence Morgan, 1929, toured Europe for 45 days the summer 1954. They visited seventeen European countries and traveled oceanwise by plane from U. S. to Lisbon, Portugal and from Dublin, Ireland to U. S.

● F. Elizabeth Piper, class of 1915, and Lillian Rumbaugh, class of 1941, took a 50-day tour of Alaska this past summer starting July 13, 1954. During their trip they traveled 12,300 miles by bus, boat, plane, and train and visited 15 states, two provinces, and two territories.

## POSITION

● Zeke Harkleroad, grid star at ISTC in 1939-1940, is football coach at Homer City High School.

● Mrs. Dorothy Beck Douglas, 1945, is teaching music in the elementary grades of the United Joint Armagh School Board.

● David Jones, 1950, resigned his post as faculty member at Marion Center Joint High School and is now a member of the business staff of the Indiana Evening Gazette.

● James D. Iams, 1950, is now teaching art in Towson, Maryland. Since his graduation he has served two years with the United States Army in Korea and has



done graduate work at Pennsylvania State University.

From October 9, 1954 to November 1, 1954, an exhibit of his watercolors was displayed in the arts building at Mansfield State Teachers College under the sponsorship of the art group of that college. He also gave a demonstration of watercolor techniques at Mansfield on October 10.

● Frank A. Agnello, 1950, is employed at Ryan Industries, Detroit, Michigan. The Ryan Industries are managed by Mike and Steve Gendich of ISTC fame.

● William Ream, 1951, is teaching geography and English in the Junior High School of the Greenfield-Kimmel Joint School System at Claysburg.

● Eleven new teachers employed in the classrooms of the Indiana public schools for the 1954-5 term are graduates of Indiana State Teachers College. These new Indiana teachers are as follows:

Mary Ellen Edwards Heaton, 1955, Thaddeus Stevens School.

Patricia Jean Hobaugh, 1954, Horace Mann Elementary School.

Jack Kuhns, 1953, former teacher at Mt. Lebanon, now in Horace Mann Elementary School.

Robert E. Loucks, 1951, former teacher at Coraopolis, now at Horace Mann Elementary School.

Theodore H. McQuilkin, 1949, assistant director of art in elementary schools. McQuilkin has his master's degree from Pennsylvania State University and formerly taught in Altoona and Apollo.

Robert J. Buchanan, 1952, former teacher at Brookville, commercial teacher at Indiana Joint High School.

Mary Jane Boering, 1952, former teacher at Bedford, commercial department of Indiana Joint High School.

Betty Lou Elder, 1954, home economics department at Indiana Joint High School.

James E. George, 1951, former teacher at Jennerstown and Blairsville, English and social studies at Indiana Joint High School.

Joyce Latshaw, 1953, former teacher at New Brighton, music department at Indiana Joint High School.

Ruth G. Varner, 1948, former teacher at Sagamore, home economics department at Indiana Joint High School.

● Frank Strahl, 1953, is teaching geography in the high school at Dale Borough, Johnstown.

● Leora Rager, 1954, is teaching English and Spanish in the Dale Borough High School.

● John Harwick, 1954, is on the faculty of Marion Center High School as a teacher of English and Social Studies.

● Altoona and surrounding towns are very happy to have the following new teachers from the Indiana class of 1954:

Donna Dodson, Roosevelt Junior High, Altoona; Alyn Hall, Jefferson School, Altoona; Patty Prough, Penn School, Altoona; Bernadette Hunter, Miller School, Altoona.

Phyllis Wagner, Logan School, Logan Township, Altoona; Joe Brown, McKinley School, Logan Township, Altoona; Joann Wolfe, South Lahemont School, Logan Township, Altoona; Marlene Smith, South Lahemont School, Logan Township, Altoona.

Twyla Yechley, Hollidaysburg School District.

Joyce Mellon, Bellwood High, Bellwood, Pa.; Bob Bellis, Bellwood High, Bellwood, Pa.; Dale McCurdy, Bellwood High, Bellwood, Pa.

## GIVING CREDIT

On the October, 1954, issue Alumni News Bulletin cover was a picture in color of the oldest section of John Sutton Hall at the State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania. This building was constructed originally in 1874-1875.

Alumni who have seen this issue have congratulated those responsible for the production of the bulletin for having such an attractive cover.

The credit for this cover more properly belongs to Charles Russell, Jr., executive manager of Henry Hall, Inc., Indiana, Pennsylvania. Mr. Russell, who is a graduate of Indiana State Teachers College with the class of 1935, donated the engraving and the heavy type paper used in the cover of this bulletin.

If the Alumni Association had had to pay for this engraving and the paper

used in the cover it would have cost the Association an additional \$125.

Also the photography for the cover was done by Steve Bender who has his own photographic studio on Philadelphia Street, Indiana right next to the Manos Theater.

Mr. Bender spent an afternoon on the college campus taking approximately 15 colored photographs of various campus scenes. He made all of these photographs available to the bulletin editor at no cost to the Alumni organization.

If the Alumni Association had had to pay for this photography work it would have amounted to \$45. Although Mr.

Bender is not a graduate of Indiana State Teachers College he has a brother now attending here who is a sophomore in the secondary education department.

Mr. Bender has worked with the college public relations office for the past seven years and has been a very excellent and cooperative photographer.

It is to these two men, Charles Russell and Steve Bender, that the credit for a very excellent bulletin cover should go.

If the Alumni Association should expect to continue the quality of cover exemplified by that of the October, 1954, issue, the organization should expect to pay about \$150 more per issue than they are now paying.

# Former Athletes Honor Coach George Miller

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Homecoming Day, 1954

by  
Bill Summers, Sports Editor  
Indiana Evening Gazette

One of the fine things about athletic relationships is that they endure.

Footballers of 15 years and more ago gathered with their coach — George Miller — at the American Legion home and a distinctive sort of nostalgia that only athletes "wade in" cropped up.

Dominated by players on teams from 1937-40, the affair was thought highly successful and likely will be repeated.

Dominick Rich, a guard, was elected chairman or president of the group. Rich, former coach at Mt. Pleasant-Ramsey, is now in the oil business at Jeannette. Bud McNaughton of McNaughton Transfer here in Indiana will help Rich. Bud is a former gridder for Indiana High and ISTC.

Fred Ruthko, a fullback, traveled the longest distance to attend, driving from Ubyly, Michigan. Joe Sariscak, an end from Homestead, is now an athletic official in Western Pennsylvania. He has six children — another most.

Dr. Walter Nosal, who instigated the reunion, played in the backfield for three years before leaving at the turn of the decade. He is now in charge of the psychology department at John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Nosal has four daughters.

Students of his era will remember Dr. Nosal's laundry business while he was in school.

Esau "Jim" Motovich, a backfield performer, is now a cartoonist and has a radio program in Washington, D. C.

Motovich was the cartoonist for the college newspaper. His teammates will remember one cartoon in particular.

Motovich pictured a bench empty of all players except one who bore a remarkable resemblance to Dominick Rich. A manager walked up to the lone bench warmer and remarked:

"Get up, Coach Miller wants to send in the bench." . . .

Regis "Peck" McKnight, present ISTC coach, and Paul Boyts, now of McGregor

Motors, but a faculty member of the era, were also present.

One game that always comes into discussion for these players was a contest against Clarion, which led 12-0 at half-time. But a tackle named Harkleroad and a guard using the handle of Hovanec scored touchdowns and Guard Schmucker kicked two points.

Zeke Harkleroad is now coach at Homer City High and on his way to an unbeaten season with the Wildcats. Albert "Wimps" Hovanec is associated with Westinghouse. You know, "You can be sure if its Westinghouse."

Gene Schmucker, the placekicker, is at Baldwin Township.

Coach Smith was happy to learn that all of the players mentioned above and more to be named are solid citizens. The players told Miller that football had an effect on their lives.

"We itched to play those scrimmages on Wednesday", was a remark that gained approval.

Andy Sybinsky, who teamed with Hovanec as a guard on the undefeated 1940 team, is at Youngwood. Nick Kopchick of Indiana is now with R. & P. Company.

Joe Sutila, local undertaker, came out of Heilwood to star in football and basketball for the Big Indians.

There was Don Schwing, a back from Greensburg; John Chihon, another back now at Phillipsburg, also boxed in college.

Bob Killen, a runner from Cresson, now lives near Washington, D. C. He

shot a 37 to beat Coach Miller's 38 yesterday in a golf match. Steve Gendick is an executive with brother Mike in Detroit. They run Ryan Industries. Steve played end in 1939-40.

Serenes Dossi of Commodore, a basketball player, took in the reunion.

Others were Jack Davis, a back from Johnstown, Herb Gnagy, Somerset backfield performer, Red McDowell of Clymer who is now an assistant coach at Huntingdon. Red played end for the Indians.

Steve Krouse, present Southmont High coach, was another back. Bill Balionis, a fine end, is associated with Allegheny Asphalt Company. Another end, Jim O'Toole, is postmaster at Sharon.

Back Herle Baumbaugh, a backfield performer, was the only one Miller didn't recognize. "I knew his eyes," Miller admits, "but Herle had gained so much weight."

He is now with designing department of Ford Motor Company at Canton, Ohio.

Sam Hoenstine, principal at Keith, who played in the backfield in 1937, and End Charles DiMauro of Mundy's Corner were others in attendance.

John McElhoes, present coach at Clymer High, was a wingback who was "really good on those naked reverses," said Coach Miller. Paul Dean, whose main forte was basketball dropped in. Paul is now at Pitt dental school.

It was quite a weekend for Coach Miller, but he enjoyed it very much. That is a statement that can scarcely be contradicted.

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# A Message to Alumni Members

Indiana State Teachers College is one of the finest higher education institutions preparing teachers in the United States. Alumni of Indiana have a vested interest in keeping the good reputation of the college at the high point represented by the above statement.

As an Indiana graduate, a part and often a large portion of your professional background rests with the prestige and reputation of the college from which you received your undergraduate education. Therefore, it is to the advantage of every Indiana graduate to do whatever he can to enhance the name of Indiana State Teachers College.

There are more than 16,000 people who have attended and graduated from Indiana State Teachers College. Nearly 6,000 people have been granted degrees from our college since 1927.

The support of Indiana Alumni in the past has been an important factor in the consistent growth of the college. This continued support of Alumni today and in the future is of extreme importance to Indiana State Teachers College.

One might ask: How may Alumni help an institution which seems as prosperous as our college appears to be at the present time? The answer is very easy. First of all, an Alumnus should be a booster. While this may seem old fashioned, it is unquestionably true that Alumni can do great work in telling the Indiana story in glowing terms to the public at large and thus by word of mouth spread the good reputation of the college.

Then too, the very act of being a good professional teacher and a good citizen helps credit to accumulate to the account of the institution which gave the individual his college training.

Over the years at Indiana State Teachers College, Alumni through their association have supported the college in literally hundreds of projects, helping the college to obtain, for example, such

material things as a Moller Organ, sound system, television sets for the student recreation rooms, an outdoor stage, and many other items which are difficult to obtain through regular state funds.

One of the things that you may do at this time that will benefit yourself, your college, and public education in general will be to take out a membership in the Indiana State Teachers College Alumni Association.

Alumni Association members are eligible to receive copies of Alumni publications which consist of news letters and a quarterly which is in the process of being published March, June, October, and December of each year.

The dues received from Alumni go to support the publication of the news bulletin and various news letters. In addition the Association supports various projects for the betterment of the college from time to time.

Dues for the General Alumni Association have been established at \$2.00 per year. For those who do not belong to local Alumni units of the college, this amount is payable directly to Miss Mary L. Esch, Executive Secretary, Alumni Association, State Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Those who can belong to an Alumni Association unit pay their \$2.00 dues to the local secretary who in turn pays to the General Alumni Association treasurer \$1.50 per member and keeps \$.50 for local unit dues.

While the sum of \$2.00 may seem small when considered individually, many members in an association make it possible for the organization to do a great many things both as an organization and for the betterment of Indiana State Teachers College.

Won't you please take time today to take out your membership for June 1, 1954 to June 1, 1955.

—Arthur F. Nicholson





'There was a Crooked Man' wins third for artists.



Sig Eps display old and new 'Old King Cole.'

The 1954 Homecoming Parade Theme Was "Nursery Rhymes."





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